

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

IN RE: REMBRANDT TECHNOLOGIES, LP  
PATENT LITIGATION

MDL Docket No. 07-md-1848 (GMS)

REMBRANDT TECHNOLOGIES LP,

Plaintiff,

C.A. No. 06-727 (GMS)

V.

CBS CORPORATION,

Defendant.

REMBRANDT TECHNOLOGIES LP,

Plaintiff,

C.A. No. 06-729 (GMS)

V.

NBC UNIVERSAL, INC.

Defendant.

REMBRANDT TECHNOLOGIES LP,

Plaintiff,

C.A. No. 06-730 (GMS)

V.

ABC, INC.,

Defendant.

**REMBRANDT'S REPLY TO AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM OF ABC, INC.**

Rembrandt Technologies, LP (“Rembrandt”), by its undersigned attorneys, respectfully submits this Reply to the Amended Counterclaim filed by ABC, Inc. (“ABC”), as follows:

### **PARTIES**

29. ABC is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and having a principal place of business at 77 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10023.

Answer: Upon information and belief, Rembrandt admits that ABC is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and having a principal place of business at 77 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10023.

30. Rembrandt alleges that it is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, having a principal place of business at 401 City Avenue, Suite 815, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

Answer: Admitted that Rembrandt Technologies, LP is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey. Rembrandt denies having its principal place of business at 401 City Avenue, Suite 815, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004; Rembrandt’s principal place of business is Suite 900 at the aforementioned address.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

31. This counterclaim arises under Title 35 of the United States Code. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this counterclaim pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), 2201, and 2202.

Answer: Rembrandt admits that ABC has alleged that the counterclaim arises under Title 35 of the United States Code, and that ABC has alleged that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the counterclaim pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1338(a), 2201 and 2202, but Rembrandt denies that ABC is entitled to the relief sought thereunder or to any relief whatsoever.

32. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

Answer: Admitted.

**COUNTERCLAIM – DECLARATORY JUDGMENT  
‘627 PATENT**

33. ABC incorporates herein by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1-32 of this Answer, Affirmative Defenses and Counterclaim.

Answer: ABC’s attempt to incorporate by reference its Answer, Affirmative Defenses and the Amended Counterclaim does not comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 10(b) requiring a separate statement of a single set of circumstances, and is therefore too vague and general to permit or require a response. Rembrandt denies the applicability of each and every Affirmative Defense set forth in paragraphs 14 through 28. No response is required to ABC’s answer as set forth in paragraphs 1 through 12 of Rembrandt’s Complaint which is incorporated herein by reference. Rembrandt also repeats and re-alleges its responses to paragraphs 29 through 32 of the amended counterclaim above as if set forth in full herein.

34. ABC counterclaims against Rembrandt pursuant to the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code, and the Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

Answer: Rembrandt admits that ABC purports to seek a declaratory judgment under 28 U.S.C. §§2201 and 2202, and that ABC has alleged that the counterclaim arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, but Rembrandt denies that ABC is entitled to the relief sought thereunder or to any relief whatsoever.

35. In its Complaint against ABC filed December 1, 2006, Rembrandt alleged that ABC has infringed and is currently infringing the ‘627 patent by practicing the inventions claimed therein, and/or by inducing or contributing to the practice by others of the inventions claimed therein.

Answer: Admitted.

36. An actual controversy exists between Rembrandt and ABC by virtue of the allegations of Rembrandt's Complaint in this action and ABC's Answer as to the validity, enforceability and infringement of the '627 patent.

Answer: Admitted.

37. The '627 patent is invalid, unenforceable, and not infringed, as set forth in paragraphs 14 through 25 above.

Answer: Denied. ABC's attempt to incorporate by reference its Affirmative Defenses to the amended counterclaim does not comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 10(b) requiring a separate statement of a single set of circumstances, and is therefore too vague and general to permit or require a response. Rembrandt denies the applicability of each and every Affirmative Defense set forth in paragraphs 14 through 25. By way of further answer, Rembrandt admits that at one time the '627 patent was assigned to AT&T Bell Laboratories, that AT&T was a participant in the Grand Alliance, and that AT&T IPM wrote a letter dated January 12, 1995 which speaks for itself. By way of further answer, the prosecution history of the '627 patent speaks for itself.

38. ABC is entitled to judgment that the '627 patent is invalid, unenforceable, and not infringed.

Answer: Denied.

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

#### **First Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaim fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

**Second Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of estoppel.

**Third Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of waiver.

**Fourth Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims are barred, in whole or in part, by applicable limitations doctrines, including the statute of limitations.

**Fifth Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims are based on a purported agreement to agree, which is unenforceable under applicable law.

**Sixth Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims are based upon a purported agreement with open essential terms, which cannot be supplied under applicable law.

**Seventh Affirmative Defense**

To the extent there was an enforceable promise, it was solely a promise to negotiate; there was no intention to permit any third party or a court to impose licensing terms.

**Eighth Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims are barred by the doctrine of laches.

**Ninth Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims fail as a matter of law based on a lack of contractual privity between Rembrandt and ABC involving any alleged contractually binding obligation entered into by AT&T and/or AT&T IPM.

**Tenth Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims fail as a matter of law because ABC materially breached and/or repudiated any express or implied contract, thereby excusing Rembrandt from any alleged obligation that it might otherwise have had.

**Eleventh Affirmative Defense**

ABC is not entitled to the relief requested as a matter of law.

**Twelfth Affirmative Defense**

ABC's counterclaims fail, in whole or in part, because ABC failed to fulfill conditions precedent to any obligation to offer a license to it.

**Thirteenth Affirmative Defense**

Rembrandt reserves the right to assert additional and/or different affirmative defenses as discovery progresses, and hereby reserves the right to amend its reply to ABC's Amended Counterclaim in support of any such defenses.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Rembrandt respectfully requests: (i) that judgment be entered in its favor, and against Defendant, on Defendant's amended counterclaim, and that Defendant not be awarded any relief in connection therewith; and (ii) that Rembrandt be awarded all the relief sought in the Prayer for Relief of its Complaint, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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